

Miss Bailey, who is a member of the Matrons' Council, and Matron of the Boscombe Hospital. It was the first time we had met, but last year I spent a never-to-be-forgotten day on the Theodule Glacier, during which I got up to the Theodule hut and signed my name there. I went up from Riffelalp, and just after, Miss Todd, then Matron of the Royal National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, and Miss Bailey, who had gone by way of Zermatt, signed their names in the same book, so small the world is.

The Boscombe Hospital, when you approach it, gives no indication of its real extent, for the new wards, with accommodation for 40 patients, are hidden behind the original building, which the needs of the place have altogether outgrown. The wards are built on the pavilion plan, with wide balconies at the end on which some of the patients live day and night. The latest hygienic principles have been applied to the new building, and each ward can, if necessary, be washed down with a hose, ceiling, walls, and floor included.

In the children's ward I noticed the toys in a glass cupboard, a very decorative feature of the ward, much appreciated by the children, who, when not actually playing with the toys, can still see and be amused by them. The beautiful domed corridor, by which the wards are connected, is worthy of note, and the outpatient department is evidently a much used and appreciated section of the building. A short time ago Boscombe was practically non-existent. Now it is a flourishing town, and not the least useful of its many institutions is its hospital, which, by the way, needs money badly.

M.B.

The International Congress on School Hygiene has passed a resolution affirming its belief that the principles and practice of hygiene should form part of the education of every citizen. Another important resolution affirmed "that in every city and town adequate provision should be made both for sanitary inspection of schools and for medical inspection of school children, the latter to include not only inspection for contagious diseases, but also of eyes, ears, teeth, throat, and nose, and of general physical condition."

Our readers will observe from our advertising columns that the latest date for sending in interesting instances of the use of Oxo is the 31st inst. We hear that the proprietors of Oxo are very pleased with the number of interesting papers already received, and we hope all our readers who have had experience with Oxo will take advantage of the Oxo Company's enterprising competition.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Duke of Connaught will open a bazaar, to be held on the last three days of October, at the Camberwell Baths, in aid of the King's College Hospital Removal Fund. A unique feature of the Bazaar is that the Church of England, the Free Churches, and the Roman Catholics are each to have a "denominational" stall, whilst the Freemasons and the Liberals and Conservatives are also to have stalls of their own.

Lady Ludlow has received the following donations towards the building of a new nurses' home at St. Bartholomew's Hospital: Margaret Lady Waterlow £50, Mrs. Murray Smith £76, Miss Murray Smith £50, and the Mercers' Company 100 guineas.

Two new operating theatres, with anaesthetising and sterilising rooms, are being erected at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, these having become necessary owing to the greatly increased surgical work of the institution, and to comply with the urgent recommendations of the visitors of King Edward's Hospital Fund and the surgical staff of the hospital. The cost, with that of other improvements, will not be less than £10,000, towards which the Committee are appealing for contributions.

Earl Cawdor, treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., has received a cheque for £1,000 from Amy Lady Tate to endow the first bed for male patients in the new extension to be named the "Sir Henry Tate Bed." The hospital is appealing for £30,000 to extend the institution on its own freehold site, and some £13,000 is still required to complete the fund. Contributions towards this end may be sent to the secretary.

Professor Howard Marsh has, it is stated, been offered the mastership of Downing College, Cambridge, and has favourably received the offer. The formal election does not take place till October.

When the members of the International Housing Congress visited Bournville, near Birmingham, on Saturday last, Mr. George Cadbury gave some very interesting details, showing how the health of the people is affected by the housing question. The death-rate for the last six years in Bournville had, he said, been 7.5 per thousand, and in Birmingham during the same period 17.9 per thousand, whilst the infantile mortality had been 78.8, as compared with 170 per thousand. The boys attending Bournville school were four inches taller and had three inches greater chest measurement than those in Birmingham.

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